Confidential

DEWAN OF MYSORE

Bangalore
25th January 1917.

Very respectfully Your Highness

Since Your Highness was pleased to discuss with me the question of my resignation on January 17th I have had further time to consider my position.

Your Highness is aware that during the past four years I never once spoke of resignation although I made it clear that I did not wish to stay on a moment longer than I was welcome. But for the past one year I have been placed in a really difficult position and it is not without carefully weighing the issues and ~~Even~~ that I have taken this serious step.

Difficulties have arisen mainly because I have not had the Cooperation of an Officer to help me in my daily communications with Your Highness. Mr Kaiga worked cordially with me for the first two or three years of my service but during the last twelve months, he has been detached and distant, and work has not fed on smoothly.

Differences arose when I came to realise that Mr Monga had views and a policy of his own which he attempted to put into practice without discussing with or consulting me and which interfered with the general policy of Your Highness' Government. So long as he was friendly and cordial, he was very helpful to me and I fully trusted him - But ever since his attitude changed, Communications from the Palace has not been easy and cordial. They are lacking in courtesy, [illegible]

and confidence in the Diocese. I know this is not intended by your Bishop.

I have not given any reason for your Bishops' Lordships to write in the manner they have been doing. No intentional wrong has ever been brought home to me. Every thing is being done with scrupulous care and if that care has not produced the results I expected it is due to lack of active co-operation from the Rulers and Heads of Departments.

I troubled your Bishop twice for long interviews but although I was quite satisfied that if I worked directly under your Bishops' orders, I should receive your Bishops' warm support in all I do, yet as the daily work is done through the Secretaries, my difficulties have not lessened but increased.

The situation has grown worse since those two long interviews and as I did not wish to trouble your Bishop a third time, I had no alternative but to submit my resignation.

I now beg that your Bishop may be graciously pleased —

either (1) To allow me to retire,

or (2) To remove the difficulties in my way and afford me reasonable facilities to do my work without undue anxiety.

In my present circumstances either decision will be equally welcome. If your Bishop decides I should work on, Your Bishop accepts the responsibility to see that I am treated with the consideration due to a man who

bears heavy burdens.

If Your Highness' high ideals of administration and kindly feelings towards me, I have never entertained any doubt I will of course ever write the same humility and devotion that I have always displayed towards Your Highness.

If on the other hand my resignation is finally accepted, I shall no longer be the victim of worries and anxieties and Your Highness will be affording me relief from a difficult and arduous situation.

With Your Highness' kind last word and if it is spoken before I leave for Bombay tomorrow, it will help me to shape my future course of action.

With profound respect, I remain,
Your Highness' devoted and most obedt. servant,
M. Visvesvaraya